

EASTON COUTURIERE WORKSHOP NEWSLETTER

February 2008

PREZ SAYS

Hope you all have been sewing on these cold wintry days or thinking about it or cleaning up the room so you can get started. The last one is me – so now it is time to get at it.

Remember our meeting place is the

Palmer Library.

Go North from Route 22 on 25th St. past the Palmer Mall – up the hill – take a left at the stoplight at Newburg Road. Driveway is on your left – park in the lot beyond the building as you go around the circle (1/2 way). If you come from the North, get off Route 33 onto 248 and head South to Newburg Road – turn right – you will find us. OK!

Remember it does not snow on “Kay’s Day” Devotions – Joan Drzewiecki.

Call me if this confuses you. See you on February 11, 2008.

Keep Sewing. Mary Coyle, President

Jessica’s Bag or Tie One On Workshop

Date: March 13th, Thursday 2008

Time: 10am – 1pm

Location: At Piece Quiltery, 2210 Corriere Rd. Unit F, Easton, PA

(610) 438-4130

Instructor: Betty Pritko (presented program at the December meeting)

Fee \$20.00 – due at time of sign up

Additional fees: purchase of pattern –

Tie One On - \$9.00 takes one man’s tie

Jessica’s Bag – \$8 takes 2 fat quarters

You may order pattern and it will be available for you at the store.

Bring your tie or fat quarters or purchase fabric at the store.

Minimum: 6 people

Bring your money to the next meeting so you can sign up see you there!

Claire Rohloff

This month we will be talking about hand sewing. Last months' issues of both Threads and Sew News magazines have feature stories about couture stitches, the hallmark of couture sewing. Amber Eden, editor of Threads, writes "it is an easy way to add a touch of elegance to your garments, it is the sewing that our grandmothers and great-grandmothers did."

The same issue of Sew News had a wonderful hint from Sandra Betzina. "For trousers, the pant leg should fall to the floor at the back of the heel when you are standing without shoes. Hem a shorter pant to just under the anklebone 2" to 3" above the floor. A good length for a cropped pant is 7' to 9" above the floor. For a petite, 5" to 6" above the floor is a more flattering length because it lengthens the leg." This is great to know. No more trying to figure out which shoes determine the length of the pants.

We hope for good weather for our meeting.

Kay and Jan

Recently I was lucky enough to visit a family of dyers in Japan who still produce wonderful resist-printed textiles by traditional methods. They use a version of traditional katagami, or paper stencils, and rice paste to create designs on fabric, and then dye the material with indigo—a fascinating process to watch, and even more impressive when they produce textiles with a different design on each side! Textiles such as this inspired me to install a small display of 19th-century katagami in the lobby showcase at the Museum, and our clever Preparator has created a paper reproduction of what the printed design made from one of these stencils would have looked like on a textile. Katagami have been used to decorate textiles for some 500 years, and, with their intricate and precisely cut designs, they themselves are amazing works of art. The katagami will be on view until April 20. -Jacquie Atkins, Allentown Art Museum

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New Members to add to your booklet:

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In the February 1, 2008 issue of the Morning Call, there was an interesting request in the Shopping Scout Column. Sewing Lessons: Michele of Bethlehem is looking for someone who would be able to teach her the basics of sewing, such as how to use a sewing machine, hemming, and reading and cutting a pattern. If anyone is interested in responding you can contact Shopping Scout, Features Department, The Morning Call, Box 1260, Allentown, PA 18105. or email shoppingscout@mcall.com.

Reporters interviewing a 104-year-old woman: And what do you think is the best thing about being 104?" the reporter asked. She simply replied, "No peer pressure."

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SEW WHAT'S NEW??

I believe this column's title is SEW what's new, not SO what's new, as it was titled last month. I don't know if I made that error or Jo, but it got me to thinking. The column started out as a "reporter" reporting on "what's new?". I know when I took it over about 2 years ago, I requested that you, the membership, send me things to report - like who's doing what, where and when, who's going on interesting trips, etc. - and also new discoveries, like shops, fabrics, notions, patterns, techniques, etc. I hardly received a thing so started rambling myself about crazy stuff and, occasionally, deep thoughts!

Please let me know, via e-mail or a phone call, or by talking to me at a meeting, what YOU want to read in this column. I would especially like to report on sewing related things, mostly where to get what, good websites, a pattern that works - but I need this from you. Until then you'll have to put up with my rambling - or, heaven forbid, an occasional joke! I'll close with the thought that Spring arrives in 6 weeks - and just think how fast the last 6 weeks have gone! THINK SPRING.

Ellen Sorensen

Sewing sessions will be held at the Huges Library in Stroudsburg from 9 until 4 on the following dates:

March 5th Wednesday Sewn'Sews

March 14th Friday Sewing Buddies

Everyone is welcome to come to both sessions.

Bring your own projects, lots of space and tables.

Elizabeth Cortright

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